The Letter-Box

THE REFERENDUM.

Editor Planet:

The all important and far reaching project, the voting on the Referendum to be taken on the 4th of December next is, judging from what one can notice in the press and hear in public treated with indifference or at least not with sufficient seriousness.

Why should this be so?

Any ratepayer who remains neutral and refuses to vote either for or against this measure is unworthy of the solemn and sacred privilege of his franchise.

There cannot be any doubt but, should the prohibitionist succeed it would be very serious for Chatham, with its very heavy civic liabilities from an economical standpoint. The loss of the revenue from liquor license amounting to over $3,000 and the reduction of assessments on properties occupied as hotels and its environs would at least cause an increase of two mills on our rates so that any ratepayer who is paying now $25 on $1,000 assessment would have to pay $27 henceforth.

Judging from the manifesto signed by some of the highest and most influential ratepayers the result should not be doubtful.

F. MARX.

Chatham, Nov. 26, 1902.

SOME STRAIGHT TALK.

Dear Sir,—After an absence from this County for nearly forty years I am here visiting your fine County and inspecting your oil fields, and I want to tell you that you have made great improvement, and in the matter of agricultural lands you can't be beat in America. I was here before your county road was cut out and when there was only a blaze through the timber to go by, and what improvements since. I was only a few minutes in Chatham on Thursday and was driven right out to the oil well. I wanted to say over in town for a few days and visit any old timers that I can remember and the representatives of the old Eberts, Northwoods, McCraes and Stephenson families. I stayed in the Royal Exchange 50 years ago and quite frequent later, with Pritchard and Stephenson. I knew the Stephenson's well and was glad to know that one of them had made his mark in the country, having been Mayor of the town and member of Parliament. I knew Mr. Thomas Pardo of the lake shore well and am pleased to learn that his son is a member of your Senate. John Jenner and I were old friends. He was our agent here at one time looking after some lands and watching the timber our family owned in Raleigh.

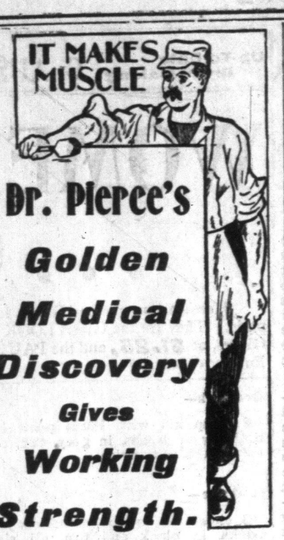
I want to tell you and your people that it is my opinion that you have a great oil field here and that this section will have a great boom. I speak from an experience of oil lands extending over 30 years, and I miss my guess if you have not got here the most reliable oil field in America. What you want now is an electric road from the field to all the railways and into town, and a good large commodious hotel with twentieth century improvements and accommodations, and you don't want any prohibiting liquor law that will only be the means of stopping the drinking of beer and wine and letting loose whiskey, good and bad, in all kinds of quantities to be drank by men and boys behind the door down the cellar and out in the barn. You can't keep men straight by such laws, and my experience has been that it only makes men and boys more crooked and meaner.

You are going to have a heavy flow of American capital and enterprise over here in these oil fields and you must not do anything to hamper them. They must have good hotels to stop at and must have everything they want. Business Americans do not over-indulge, but when they want a glass of beer or wine they want it bad and will have it. We Americans don't want to have any trade with a people who have to be kept straight by law or sober by ordinance, and for myself I won't have anything to do with a man who has to be made to be good or is only honest because it pays best to be so. I want men sober and honest on principle. You can't shut liquor out of a State or Province while it is running like mill streams in adjoining States or Provinces. We tried it in different States and soon quit it. Down in Maine where I timbered for ten years they have a prohibiting law. What's the result? The result is that wine and beer, being bulky, are not to be found, while vile whiskey and gin can be had as easily as milk and the Staje is filled with bums, bummers, law breakers and perjurers. I am told you have good license laws but they are not enforced. Well, enforce them. If you can't enforce the laws you have how in the world are you going to this one which seeks to deprive a man altogether of his glass of wine or beer. I have been a temperance man all my life, but I take a glass of wine and pint of bitter ale every day. Keep the hotel keepers you have up to the law and don't attempt to disorganize and turn topsy-turvy your hotels just now, for depend upon it you are at the beginning of a boom which is going to bring into your County thousands of business men who have never been here before, and which will increase your wealth a hundred fold and make your County richer than you ever dreamed of.

That oil field will be to your County of greater value than a South African gold mine. There is one thing I notice, Mr. Editor, you are not up to the times in your methods of road making, but I will not talk about this now. I will leave for home to-night, but will be back before Christmas, visit the scenes of my old exploits and talk over old affairs with any old chums of long ago who may yet be on top. I want to go up the Creek Road into Harwich. I will hunt you up when I am in town and, maybe, put you on to a better system of road making, and more than likely I will have something to say to your County and Town Council about an electric railway.

Yours truly,
JAMES K. McBRAYNE.

Charing Cross, Nov. 25, 1902.



Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery Gives Working Strength.

"I know you expected a letter from me some time ago, but I will state my reasons, plainly, why I did not write before this," says Mr. Joseph Grass, of Brewer, Perry Co., Mo. "It was because I did not wish to deceive any one. I wanted to be sure that your 'Golden Medical Discovery' had benefited me and it took time after I stopped taking the medicine before I felt sure I had realized permanent results from its use. After taking six bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and one vial of your 'Pleasant Pellets' *am able to do a day's work with any man.* I cannot express in words the good your medicines have done me."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation.

KENT BRIDGE.

The oyster supper held in the Methodist Church on the 18th inst. was a decided success. A large crowd was present, the supper excellent, the singing fine, recitations grand and speeches eloquent.

A few friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. Langford met at their home and gave them a surprise by presenting them with a handsome clock and corner chair.

Mrs. E. Worth, who has been visiting her mother in Toronto, returned home last week.

Mrs. Steeper, of Dresden, visited her daughter, Mrs. Albert Allison, last week.

A number from this vicinity attended the chicken social at Wm. Merritt's, Louisville, last Friday evening.

Miss Pearl and Will Liberty, of Wabash, visited Kent Bridge friends on Sunday.

Mrs. Evans, of Montreal, visited her sister, Mrs. Brewer.

Rev. Messrs. Blatchford and Noble delivered very able addresses on "Temperance" last Friday evening.

CHANGE OF CLIMATE

Not Necessary in Order to Cure Catarrh

The popular idea that the only cure for chronic catarrh is a change of climate, is a mistake because catarrh is found in all climates in all sections of the country; and even if a change of climate should benefit for a time the catarrh will certainly return.

Catarrh may be readily cured in any climate, but the only way to do it is to destroy or remove from the system the catarrhal germs which cause all the mischief.

The treatment by inhalers, sprays, powders and washes has been proven almost useless in making a permanent cure, as they do not reach the seat of disease, which is in the blood and can be reached only by an internal remedy which acts through the stomach upon the blood and system generally.

A new discovery which is meeting with remarkable success in curing catarrh of the head, throat and bronchial tubes and also catarrh of the stomach, is sold by druggists under name of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets.

These tablets which are pleasant and harmless to take owe their efficiency to the active medicinal principles of Blood Root, Red Gum and a new specific called Guaiacol, which together with valuable antiseptics are combined in convenient, palatable tablet form, and as valuable for children as for adults.

Mr. A. R. Fernbank, of Columbus, Ohio, says: I suffered so many winters from Catarrh that I took it as a matter of course, and that nothing would cure it except a change of climate, which my business affairs would not permit me to take.

My nostrils were almost always clogged up; I had to breathe through the mouth, causing an inflamed, irritated throat. The thought of eating breakfast often nauseated me and the catarrh gradually getting into my stomach took away my appetite and digestion.

My druggists advised me to try a fifty cent box of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, because he said he had so many customers who had been cured of Catarrh by the use of these tablets, that he felt he could honestly recommend them. I took his advice and used several boxes with results that surprised and delighted me.

I always keep a box of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets in the house and the whole family use them freely on the first appearance of a cough or cold in the head.

With our children we think there is nothing so safe and reliable as Stuart's Catarrh Tablets to ward off croup and colds and with older people I have known of cases where the hearing had been seriously impaired by chronic catarrh cured entirely by this new remedy.

WORLD OF SPORT

FOOTBALL

COLLEGE WON.

The College boys won a well contested game Tuesday afternoon from the Modelites, by a score of one to nil.

McNaughton and Campbell on the forward line, Shrives at half-back, Ford and Ansley at full back, and Bowyer in goal did good work for the College. Hutchison, Ross, Walker and Brundage played star games for the Model school.

THE BANQUET

The Galt Football Club, Champions of Canada, will visit Chatham on Friday afternoon next to play the local club an exhibition game.

In the evening the visiting club will be banquetted by the local club in the Garner House. A very artistic musical program is being arranged and the toast list is a splendid one. The barquet will be well attended.

Badges are out for Friday's game, and they are very neat. Everybody should have one. This will probably be the last and best football game of the season. Weather permitting, the Maple City will turn out en masse.

BASEBALL

ABOUT CRAWFORD.

Cincinnati, Nov. 25. — From statements in a letter received here yesterday by a friend, it was announced today that "wahoo," Sam Crawford, signed with the Detroit American league team, who afterward signed a contract with Cincinnati, had determined to throw up his contract with Detroit and play here. The news is considered in the nature of a surprise, as it was known that Mercer, who is traveling with Crawford, as a member of the National and American league tourists in California, was exerting every possible endeavor to secure his final decision in favor of the American league club.

Crawford will be welcomed back by every one of the fans who attended the games last year. His return will be the finishing touch that puts the Reds in striking distance of the pennant. With Pittsburg depleted of a number of her stars, it should be a pretty fight.

Nothing is known in Detroit of Crawford's alleged throw-down of Mr. Angus' club. It was learned here some time ago that Crawford had packed all his goods and took them with him when he left Cincinnati, and this was thought to augur well for his permanent departure. No news has been received from Mercer concerning the decision, and it is not believed at baseball headquarters that it is correct.—Detroit Tribune.

DISTRICT DOINGS

BLENHEIM

Nov. 26.—Mrs. Wm. Blight, of Chatham, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Merritt, yesterday.

Mrs. Doty, of Oakville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) Kerr.

Neil Ruthven, of Chatham, was in town yesterday on business.

Several oil well drilling machines passed through town yesterday from Morpeth en route to the scenes of operation in Raleigh.

The oil fever is spreading rapidly in Blenheim.

Carrier boys are not authorized to collect subscriptions. Our collector calls in each town once a month; if a subscriber wishes to pay his account before the collector calls, he must remit direct to The Planet Office, Chatham, as we will not be responsible for monies paid to carriers.

DRESDEN

Nov. 26.—W. A. Loucks left for Sarnia yesterday, where he has taken the contract for painting a church and a large residence.

The Presbyterian manse verandahs are being repaired.

We regret to learn that Belle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. McVean, is suffering from diphtheria.

The house on North street recently purchased by Mr. Brown is being rebuilt and promises to be a handsome residence.

The first carload of beef sugar manufactured by the Dresden factory has been shipped to Hamilton.

Mrs. Mitchell, of Chatham, visited Dresden on Monday.

The various Sunday schools are now practising for their Christmas entertainments.

CON. 8, RALEIGH.

Miss Jean Aldis, who left last week for Chicago, has been presented with a handsome watch by her friends of this vicinity.

Harry Fleming has been re-engaged to teach No. 5, at a salary of $500.

Rev. Chas. Saunders, of London, preached an excellent sermon at the English Church last Sunday evening. Principal Waller, of Huron College, will conduct the services next Sunday evening.

The pig pens of W. Lane, Gravel Road, were destroyed by fire last week. The fire was caused by the engine used in cooking the fuel. The barns and other outbuildings had a narrow escape.

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A NEW POWER COMPANY.

TORONTO CAPITALISTS TO HARNESS NIAGARA FORCES.

Mr. William Mackenzie and Mr. Frederic Nicholls Interested—Fearing the Results of American Monopoly.

Toronto, Nov. 25.—Toronto capitalists, alarmed at the prospect of Niagara power being all monopolized by Americans, have planned a new company, the leaders of which have already approached the Niagara Falls Park Commissioners, with a view to securing privileges. These will be along the lines of the rights already conceded to the Canadian Niagara Power Company and the Ontario Power Company, both of which have very large works now under construction on the Canadian side. An engineering authority has stated that when these two works and the two already operating on the American side are in full operation, about 25 per cent. of the water passing down the Niagara River will have been diverted for power purposes. It is understood that the present applicants propose erecting works at a point between those already located.

The applicants are understood to be a syndicate which includes Mr. William Mackenzie, President of the Toronto Railway, and Mr. Frederic Nicholls, Managing Director of the Canadian General Electric Company. It was understood that the companies in which both these gentlemen are interested expected to obtain power from the Ontario Power Company, and their present appearance in the role of applicants lends color to the belief that the parties have failed to agree on the question of terms.

Mr. J. W. Langmuir, Chairman, and the members of the Park Commission interviewed Premier Ross regarding the matter yesterday, but at the conclusion neither Mr. Langmuir nor Mr. Ross would make any statement with reference to it.

DOVER TOWNSHIP.

At the request of some of the ratepayers the books of John Richmond, the efficient secretary-treasurer of S. S. No. 10, Dover, were audited, and, as the following statement will show, were found to be absolutely correct. Mr. Richmond has been a school trustee for many years, and has filled the position of secretary-treasurer for a long period, and he immediately placed his books in the hands of the auditors, whose report is a complete reputation to some statements that were probably thoughtlessly made.

Dover, Nov. 21st, 1902.

To the Trustees of School Section No. 10, Dover:

Gentlemen,—

From instructions received whereby we, the undersigned, were appointed to audit the Treasurer's books, beg leave to submit the following statement for your consideration. That on Nov. 20th we examined the books in question and find them to be as stated here below. We give you the receipts and expenditures from January 1st, 1902, to the present, also an abstract statement of receipts and expenditure—

Receipts.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1902	$305.17
Government school grant	29.50
Interest on cash held by Treas.	4.30
Total receipts	$338.97
Expenditure	$251.25
Credit balance	87.72

Abstract of Expenditure.

Jan. 6, paid Mrs. Banks for scrubbing	$ 2.00
Mar. 7, paid R. Cooper for one Globe	6.60
Mar. 26, paid Carrie A. Lawrence for first quarter salary	75.00
Apr. 5, paid R. J. Smith for one pound of lawn seed	.30
Apr. 5, paid Matthew Banks on account of scrubbing	5.00
Apr. 7, paid R. Cooper for one box of enameled chalk	.15
June 28, paid Carrie A. Lawrence for second quarter salary	75.00
July 5, paid Matthew Banks for sweeping	5.00
Aug. 26, paid Mary Banks for scrubbing school house	2.00
Oct. 1, paid Carrie A. Lawrence for third quarter salary	75.00
Oct. 12, paid Carrie A. Lawrence for black board brush	.25
Oct. 25, paid John Welsh for rate bills	2.00
June 15, paid R. Cooper for chalk	.20
Sept. 1, paid John McCorvie for broom	.25
Nov. 19, paid Banner-News for advertising	1.00
Nov. 19, paid Planet for advertising	1.50
Expenditure	$251.25

After comparing the vouchers with the cash book, we hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct, as shown by the books.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servants,
JOHN GRANT,
NELSON RUHNKE,
Auditors.

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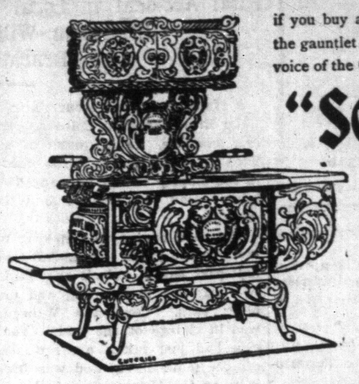

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1.45 p m.	....Accomodation	2.30 p.m.
2 23 p.m.	Buffalo, New York and Toronto Express	
8 32 a m	.....Express	8 15 a.m.
		12 42 p.m.
	Buffalo, Toronto and North Bay.	
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On account of International Live Stock Exhibition to be held in Chicago, November 29th to Dec. 6th, 1902, the Wabash Railroad Company will sell round trip tickets to Chicago at single first class fare, plus two dollars. Tickets on Sale Dec. 1st, 2nd and 3rd, valid returning from Chicago, on or before Dec. 7th, 1902.

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